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Raised Bill No. 431

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR WATER RESOURCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, the Department of Environmental
3 Protection shall oversee all allocation of and long-range planning
4 concerning water resources.

5 Sec. 2. Section 22a-352 of the general statutes is repealed and the
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

7 (a) The Department of Environmental Protection [, the Department
8 of Public Health and the Office of Policy and Management,] shall
9 establish a continuing planning process and shall prepare and
10 periodically update [jointly] a state-wide long-range plan for the
11 management of the water resources of the state. In carrying out such
12 preparation, the [aforesaid agencies] department shall: (1) Design a
13 unified planning program and budget; (2) coordinate regional water
14 and sewer facilities plans and provide technical or financial assistance
15 to regional planning agencies in the preparation of regional water and

16 sewer facilities plans which are necessary as guidelines for the
17 planning and designing of local and interlocal facilities and which are
18 required by the federal government as a prerequisite for grants to
19 municipalities for the construction of certain water and sewer facilities.

20 (b) The state-wide water resources plan shall: (1) Identify the
21 quantities and qualities of water that could be available to specific
22 areas under feasible distribution; (2) identify present and projected
23 demands for water for specific areas; (3) recommend the utilization of
24 the state's water resources, including surface and subsurface water, for
25 their greatest benefits; (4) make recommendations for such major
26 engineering works or special districts which may be necessary,
27 including the need, timing and general cost thereof; (5) recommend
28 land use and other measures where appropriate to insure the desired
29 quality and abundance of water; (6) take into account desired
30 recreational, agricultural, industrial and commercial use of water
31 bodies; and (7) seek to incorporate regional and local plans and
32 programs for water use and management and plans for water and
33 sewerage facilities in the state-wide plan.

34 (c) Upon completion of each planning document and when adopted
35 by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, [the Commissioner
36 of Public Health and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
37 Management,] said final plan shall be submitted to the General
38 Assembly.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | 22a-352 |

Statement of Purpose:

To give the Department of Environmental Protection oversight over the long-range planning of and allocation of water resources.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]